

8 December 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT: Chinese Communist Shipping into Sihanoukville and
the Use of Cambodia as a Source of Supplies for
the Viet Cong

1. Your request this morning to the Deputy Director for Intelligence regarding Chinese Communist shipping to Sihanoukville and the use of Cambodia as a source of supplies for the Viet Cong was referred to this Office.

2. The attached memorandum shows the number of Chinese Communist ships which have called at Sihanoukville to be small. These ships have for the most part been engaged in transporting military equipment to Cambodia under the terms of the Chinese-Cambodian military aid agreement. We do not believe this military equipment gets into Viet Cong hands. However, we do not rule out the possibility that limited supplies of military equipment have reached the Viet Cong through Sihanoukville.

3. The Viet Cong do procure some limited amounts of supplies from Cambodia through both normal trade channels and by clandestine means. We cannot quantify these amounts but believe they are significantly less than the amounts infiltrated through the Laotian Farhandle. We are unable at this time to confirm other intelligence reports indicating that Cambodia is a significant source of logistic supplies for the Communist forces in South Vietnam.

4. We are preparing for early submission a more detailed analysis of the potential of Cambodia as a source of supply and as a base of operations for the Communist forces in South Vietnam.

/s/

Acting Director
Research and Reports

Attachment:
As stated

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